

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA**

**INQUIRY CONCERNING A** :  
**JUDGE, NO. 01-244** :  
**(Judge Charles W. Cope)** :  
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**CASE NO.: SC01-2670**

**RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

The Honorable Charles W. Cope, by and through his undersigned attorney, hereby responds to this Court's Order to Show Cause as follows:

The Honorable Charles W. Cope accepts the recommendation of the Hearing Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Protective Order, has been furnished, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2002, via Facsimile Transmission and by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

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